



# The Southern Ute Drum

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JNC 2016

## Youth honor past, look to future

2nd annual Jimmy Newton Jr. Conference



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Elaine Newton comments on how her son, Jimmy Newton Jr. enjoyed helping the youth.

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Students from the three Ute tribes, and other local Native youth, convened at Ignacio High School to participate in a conference that was focused on the youth and their futures.

The 2016 Jimmy Newton Jr. Youth Leadership Conference was held Wednes-

day, July 20 and consisted of breakout sessions and motivational speakers that all focused on this year's theme, "Honoring the Past for our Future".

The conference has been held in remembrance of the late Southern Ute Tribal Chairman Jimmy R. Newton Jr., who passed away while in office in 2014.

Chairman Newton is re-

membered for his love for children, culture and community. And it is with this conference that his vision of educating and supporting all children is being kept alive.

"Jim was a big advocate for the youth," Councilman Alex S. Cloud said. "We want to keep carrying on the visions and dreams of Jim."

This year's conference had about 150 attendees

who all got to learn about what the late chairman did on behalf of the youth, tribe and community.

"I learned a lot from him," Treasurer James M. Olguin said of his nephew, Jimmy. "Life is really short ... be caring and compassionate."

Elaine Newton, mother of Jimmy took the time to honor people who were special to Jimmy and helped him throughout his life. Among those recognized was the family of the late Orian Box.

Box took Jimmy under his wing when Jimmy was young and taught him about Ute culture and traditions, Elaine said.

Jimmy's relationship with Box proved to be an example of this year's theme. Jimmy was young when he became close to the elder who taught him about traditions and values. With Box's teachings, Jimmy was able to grow up being involved with his cul-



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Youth guest speaker, Jerrika Rarick tells the youth about why Chairman Jimmy Newton Jr. was her hero.

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GROWTH FUND

## Tribe announces new Growth Fund directors

Staff report  
SU GROWTH FUND

Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council confirmed the hiring of two new directors of the Tribe's Growth Fund, the investment and diversification arm of the Tribe. The new directors, Albert Brown and Patrick Vaughn, will assume operations responsibilities for energy and non-energy businesses within the Growth Fund's portfolio of companies, amid the retirement of longtime Operating Director, Bob Zahradnik. They will also join the Growth Fund Management Committee that has overseen the development of the Growth Fund since its inception in 2000.

The Growth Fund's successful expansion into offshore energy investments and diverse real estate holdings led the Tribal Council to replace the position being vacated by Bob Zahradnik with two new positions, "Growth Fund Operating Director - Energy" and "Growth Fund Operating Director - Non-Energy."

Albert Brown, who currently serves as President and Chief Operating



Albert Brown

Officer of Red Willow Production Company and its affiliates, will now become the Operating Director - Energy. The Energy Director will supervise energy-related Growth Fund activities and investments. Brown, who has been involved with the Growth Fund since 2004, previously served as Assistant to the Operating Director and as President of Red Cedar Gathering Company, a gas gathering company operating within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

The new Operating Director - Non-Energy will be Patrick S. Vaughn, who has been with the Growth Fund since 2003 and currently serves as President and Chief Operating Offi-



Patrick Vaughn

cer of GF Properties Group, LLC. Vaughn has been instrumental in the development of Three Springs, a large, mixed-used project in Durango and in many other Growth Fund projects throughout the country. The Non-Energy Director will have primary responsibility and oversight of the non-energy investments and operational activities of the Growth Fund.

Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost stated, "We are pleased to announce these management changes, which are part of the Growth Fund's ongoing succession planning process." He added, "The talent and experience of Albert and Patrick will enable us to move successfully into the future."

KSUT

## Graham named Executive Director of KSUT

Staff report  
KSUT

Tami Graham has been named Executive Director of KSUT Public Radio, KSUT Board of Directors President Maria Baker announced Thursday, July 7.

Graham brings an abundance of public, community and college radio experience stemming back to 1987, a wealth of knowledge about nonprofit fundraising and management, and decades of community connections across the Four Corners region.

"Tami will bring leadership and enthusiasm to the Executive Director position along with her extensive knowledge of the community and surrounding areas," said Baker. "Tami is the perfect fit for KSUT."

"It's an exciting time at KSUT," Graham said. "We're celebrating our 40th anniversary of bringing quality public radio to the Four Corners and are excited at what the future holds for us. KSUT's programming reflects the unique diversity and eclectic tastes of our lis-



courtesy Chris Marona  
Tami Graham

teners across the region."

Graham will began her duties as Executive Director on Monday, July 18. She replaces Interim Executive Director Sheila Nanaeto, who has served in that capacity since February 10. Nanaeto will continue to serve as Station Manager for KSUT's Southern Ute Tribal Radio signal. She has served in that capacity since 2009.

"I would also like to thank Sheila for stepping into the Interim Executive Director position to ensure a smooth transition," said Baker. "It is the dedication of staff that makes KSUT a

remarkable station."

"I think Tami will be a wonderful addition to the KSUT family," said Nanaeto. "She brings years of expertise in public radio and the nonprofit world. We welcome her with open arms."

"We are so excited to have Tami Graham on board as KSUT's new Executive Director," added Rob Rawls, Station Manager for KSUT's Four Corners signal. "Tami has deep roots in the region and is a respected leader in Montezuma County and southwest Colorado. Her talents and connections will be invaluable to KSUT as we prepare for another 40 years of public broadcasting service to the Four Corners." Graham spent seven years from 1990 to 1997 as station manager at KDUR, Fort Lewis College's community radio station. She was also the longtime co-host of "Good Dirt Radio," which aired for 10 years on a variety of stations across the region, including KSUT. Since 2013, she has served as KSUT's Capital

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TRIBAL NOTICE

## LCB: New security protocol

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Tuesday, June 28, 2016, the Leonard C. Burch (LCB) Building implemented a new security protocol; this is to ensure safety for all visitors and employees.

Visitors entering the building are asked to utilize the North Entrance of the LCB and sign in on the Visitor's Log

to receive a visitor's badge. This will allow employees to properly and securely conduct business for visitors and customers of the Tribe.

If you experience an issue with this protocol, we ask that you report it to the department you are conducting business with.

We request your patience and understanding while this process is being implemented.

## General Meeting: Growth Fund & Permanent Fund Financial Update

July 28, 2016 • 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Sky Ute Casino Event Center  
Lunch will be provided.





GAMING

Drake retires after 23 years with tribe

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

After nearly a quarter century serving the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Phil Drake, director of the tribe’s Division of Gaming is hanging his hat up for good. Drake will be leaving the reigns of the Division of Gaming to his apprentice, tribal member Matthew Box. Drake has mentored Box, over the last few years to ensure Box was ready to take over the role before he retired.

Drake spent his time with the tribe working surveillance for the old casino and new Sky Ute Casino Resort. He then accepted a position at the Division of Gaming and has been there ever since.

“I always brag about the tribe ... the tribe deserves a lot of these accolades because they do gaming the right way,” Drake said.

Staff came together on Thursday, July 14 to say thank you and bid farewell to the longtime employee.

“We could never in 23 years fulfill the experience growth and changes that Phil provided to this tribe,” Box said of his mentor. “Thank you for giving me the opportunity and teaching me so much ... I couldn’t have been in a better position or have a better mentor.”

Linda Baker, member of the first Gaming Commission, said Drake’s experience would be greatly missed.

“I appreciate your knowledge and everything you’ve shared with us,” she said.

Not only did Drake form positive relationships in Gaming, he also managed to



Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

Phil Drake holds up a personalized stirrup gifted to him by General Manager of Sky Ute Casino Resort, Charley Flagg at a retirement party Thursday, July 14.



Chris J. Cloud/SU Drum

Matthew Box, Division of Gaming Presents departing director Phil Drake with a personalized plaque recognizing Drake for his 23 years working for the tribe.

make meaningful friendships across tribal departments. rector Robin Duffy-Wirth said. “It’s not just what he does, but how he does it ... he will be missed.”

Growth Fund transitions



photos Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Tribal Councilman Alex S. Cloud thanks Bob Zahradnik, former Growth Fund Operating Director, and Bruce Valdez, former Executive Director, for their dedication to making the Growth Fund a success over the years on Wednesday, July 20.



New Operating Director of Energy operations, Albert Brown, says he will do his best to serve the tribe and its membership in his new role.

Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost thanks Bob Zahradnik, former Growth Fund COO, for his 28 years of service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Growth Fund. Zahradnik’s position has been split into two new positions “Operating Director – Energy” and “Operating Director – Non-Energy.”

Many Moons Ago



C. Pinnecoose/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Team Colorado members (not in order) Dominique Johnson, Genevieve Baker, Arlene TallBull and Ashley Baker take a break in the action to pose for the camera.

This photo first appeared in the July 21, 2006, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Roberta Cook/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Southern Ute Recreation Department team members: Standing (l-r) Coach Mike Winlock, Daryl Little Bird, Jacob Gilbert, Ashley Vicenti, Virginia Thompson, Seth Smith, Olin Goodtracks, Lawin Lopez, Brian Jones, and Asst. Coach Kenneth Richards. Kneeling (l-r) Connor Holiday, John Winlock, Darren Rock, Chris Ryder, Gerald Garcia, Cole Swanemyr, Adrian Abeyta and Katie Whiteskunk.

This photo first appeared in the July 19, 1996, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Randy Baker Sr.-Enjoying his going away treat July 11. Randy worked for the tribe as a patrolman and as the Natural Resource Chief Assistant since 1982.

This photo first appeared in the July 25, 1986, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

LOCAL UPDATE

Animas River Celebration

August 3, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Powerhouse Science Center in Durango. A free event in celebration of the Animas River, hosted by Mountain Studies Institute. Cash bar available. [www.mountainstudies.org/upcomingevents/](http://www.mountainstudies.org/upcomingevents/)

Super FUNDays 5k Color Run

August 6 beginning at 11 a.m. in Memorial Park in Silverton. Registration is \$25 for ages 18+, \$15 for ages under 18, and \$60 for teams of four. [www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/super-fundays-color-run](http://www.raceentry.com/race-reviews/super-fundays-color-run).

Lost and Recovered Bicycles

The Southern Ute Police Department has a collection of bicycles that have been recovered and inventoried. If you are missing your bicycle within the last two years, please call the Southern Ute Police Department business line at 970-563-0246 and describe your size, style, make, model and color of bicycle (plus anything that would help us determine the bike is yours). We would love to get your bike back home to you. All bicycles that are unclaimed by August 15th will be either donated to a Southern Ute Tribal entity or destroyed. Please call us as soon as possible to claim your bicycle.

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SPANISH TRAIL

# Trail Trees along the Old Spanish Trail

By Dr. James Jefferson  
UTE TRIBAL ELDER

We traveled from one part of the country to another visiting and trading with each other and other tribes. I call them nomads (traveling for a purpose) and not nomadic (which indicates traveling aimlessly) as indicate in the dictionary. Most of the Anthropologist, Historians and Federal government personnel that worked with Indians used the term “Nomadic” to specify that the Indian in North America traveled aimlessly which is not true.

Native Americans traditionally transferred their culture and history through oral means as told by the elders. Each year at festivals and family gatherings, the elders told the stories of their tribe and the mythological stories associated with their culture. Within a short time after the arrival of the white settlers and missionaries, the culture of the Native Americans began to be affected and the oral stories began to disappear.

The Utes are a people who lived in the mountains of Colorado, Utah and New Mexico. The traditional hunting grounds extended far beyond that territory. The Utes do not have a migration story like other tribes since their recorded history has always been in the western mountain region. The Ute

Nation is composed of several tribal bands that were loosely affiliated in a tribal confederacy. A principal leader was chosen when the tribe had dealings with governmental agencies

Important to the Ute Indian were the trail trees and rock art that guided them on their travels. While many of these trees can live to be 300 to 600 years old, some are near the end of their lives. While others, unfortunately have been destroyed by urban development and vandals. The meaning of these trees and rocks are not completely known and may never be known since those who know are all but gone.

The Utes bent trees for directional markers to a location often of a sacred nature, to mark sites where a person of importance died or was born, and other special purpose trees. The directional marker trees are often only bent about 30 degrees off of vertical and then allowed to go vertical again. Many of these trees point to Pike Peak which is the most sacred site to the Utes. The Utes called Pikes Peak Tavakav or Sun Mountain. The two directional trees shown on the next page were located at the La Foret site. The tree on the left is a normal directional tree pointing toward Pikes Peak; the tree on the right is a directional tree pointing toward a wa-

ter source or other location. Several Ute Burial Trees were found on the La Foret property in the Black Forest North East of Colorado Springs including two that pointed toward each other which must have been of some significance. A picture of the Burial Tree can be seen on the next page.

The Utes called them Spirit Trees as they were known to hold the prayers and then they go to Creator.

Ute Burial Trees holds a special meaning to the Utes as the cedar tree that has spiritual powers used by medicine people.

Clifford Duncan, Ute elder from Fort Duchesne, Utah through the works of Carol Patterson has captured a lot of his work on trees and rock art. The stories are beginning to come alive as to the history of the early Utes.

The World Tree and Ute Cosmology are all shown in this panel that is placed high up on the cliff face. It belongs to the higher level of knowledge known only to spiritual leaders of the Ute bands. The information was probably discussed among elders and initiated members. The images on this panel were not meant to be viewed by everyone and that is the reason it was not placed down on the valley floor where the general

Trail trees page 8



courtesy Dr. James Jefferson

The two directional trees were located at the La Foret site. The tree on the left is a normal directional tree pointing toward Pikes Peak; the tree on the right is a directional tree pointing toward a water source or other location. Several Ute Burial Trees were found on the La Foret property in the Black Forest North East of Colorado Springs including two that pointed toward each other which must have been of some significance.

SUMACC

# Southern Ute Museum: Dab, screen, then vacuum

By Linda Baker  
SU MUSEUM

When visitors come into a museum, what they see is the end product of a gallery exhibit. What they don't see is everything that happens in order for an item to be placed in a case. Before an item can be placed in a glass enclosure, it has to be slowly and methodically cleaned, with attention to detail on the cleaning process.

Working in pairs, the team at the Museum has begun the process of cleaning the 26 display cases in the Permanent Gallery. The actual cleaning procedure was developed by the contract employees working at the Museum, and is a two page document outlining the procedures currently being used.

Screens in two different sizes were made with two sizes of wood strips, and a fine mesh metal screen. The screens are to prevent the material in the cases from lifting up as the material is vacuumed. This screen and vacuum technique is also used for cleaning textiles.

Before vacuuming, obvious pieces of lint, dust, thread, and organic material are removed with tape using a “dabbing” technique. A rolling tape technique, similar to a lint remover for clothes, is not used. This technique lifts and pulls at material, which could damage the interior of a display case. Once larger pieces of dirt have been removed, the vacuuming begins.

Vacuuming a case requires two people; one person holds the screen in place while the other person vacuums. The vacuuming process is slowly, lining up each sweep so that no areas are missed. The process begins with the top of the case walls,



courtesy Linda Baker/SU Museum

Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center (SUMACC) employees' work slowly and methodically cleaning out the glass cases that will house artifacts.



courtesy Linda Baker/SU Museum

Leann Wesley and Anthony Rohde, Southern Ute Museum and Cultural Center staff, work carefully and thoroughly as they vacuum; cleaning out Museum cases.

and proceeds down to the bottom of the wall. The floor of the case is vacuumed last.


Once the vacuuming is complete, the glass doors are cleaned with museum quality glass cleaner and micro-fiber cloth.

After vacuuming and glass cleaning is complete, the doors are left open for a minimum of half an hour.

It takes approximately three to four hours to clean a small to medium

size case, and almost a full day to clean a large case. Once all the cases are cleaned, the preparation for items to place in the cases will begin.

This project begins by recording the contents of the case before cleaning. Small screens, built in-house, are held in place by one person, while another person methodically vacuums. The cases are vacuumed where there is fabric, including the back walls.



## ROCK LEDGE Powwow

### SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

#### ROCK LEDGE RANCH - COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

##### 30TH STREET @ GATEWAY ROAD (GARDEN OF THE GODS)

**MC: FRANCIS SHERWOOD - DENVER, CO**  
**ARENA DIRECTOR: CHARLIE BLUEBACK - SHOSHONE-BANNOCK/PONCA**  
**HEAD MAN DANCER: TONY HEDGEPEETH - HALIWA-SAPONE**  
**HEAD WOMAN DANCER: CARISA GONZALEZ - DINE**  
**HEAD BOY DANCER: AEDEN RICHARDS - S, UTE**  
**HEAD GIRL DANCER: TASHINA QUAILS - CHEYENNE/DINE/LAKOTA**  
**HEAD SOUTHERN DRUM: SHADOW SPIRIT - IGNACIO CO**  
**HEAD NORTHERN DRUM: STRAIGHT, GREEK - DENVER, CO**  
**COLOR GUARDS: AMERICAN INDIAN VETERANS OF COLORADO, SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS ASSOCIATION**  
**SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: AUSTIN BOX, SOUTHERN UTE**

**GOURD DANCING: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**FOUR CORNERS GOURD DANCE SOCIETY**



**GRAND ENTRY: 1:00 PM**

**HEAD WOMAN CARISA GONZALEZ SPECIAL CONTEST**  
**ALL WOMENS CONTEST COMBINED**

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## 96TH SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR

# Contest PowWow

### September 9, 10, 11, 2016 • Sky Ute Fairgrounds • Ignacio, CO

**GRAND ENTRY**  
 Friday, 7 p.m.  
 Saturday, 1 p.m. & 7 p.m.  
 Sunday, 12 p.m.

**WOMEN DANCE CONTESTS**

**Women's Golden Age (50+)**  
 (1st: \$1000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$200)

**Women's (18-49)**  
 (1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$200)  
 • Fancy Shirt  
 • Jingle  
 • Southern Circle/Buckskin  
 • Northern Circle/Buckskin

**Teen Girl's (13-17)**  
 (1st: \$500, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100)  
 • Fancy  
 • Jingle  
 • Southern Traditional  
 • Northern Traditional

**Junior Girl's (7-11)**  
 (1st: \$300, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50)  
 • Fancy  
 • Jingle  
 • Combined Traditional

**POWOW INFORMATION**

- Contact Taylor: 970-790-3149, taylor@skyute.com
- Mike Santorelli: 970-365-0255, mikesantorelli@gmail.com
- Cindy Wicks: 970-790-2991, cwickson@skyute.com
- \*Ute Fairgrounds must be cleared for all child dance and drum contest.
- Free Admission, Parking & Camping

**POWOW HEAD STAFF**

**Northern MC: Merle Tenley**  
**Southern MC: Rob Daugherty**  
**Arena Director: Joaquín Hamilton**  
**Host Southern Drum: Yellow Hammer**  
**Host Northern Drum: Iron Boy**  
**Drum Judge: Jay Dusty Bull**  
**Host Guard Drums: Wild Band of Comanches**  
**Head Guard Dancer: Russell Blackbird**  
**Color Guard: So. Ute Veterans Association**

**POWOW REGISTRATION**  
 Opens Friday, 5 p.m.  
 Closes Saturday, 2 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL SPECIAL CONTESTS**

**Men's Northern Traditional (18+)**  
 In Honor of the late Jimmy Newton Jr.  
 1st, 2nd and 3rd place  
 Sponsored by Elaine & Jimmy Newton Sr. and Family

**War Bonnet Special (18+)**

**TINY TOTS**  
 Paid entry

**CHILD CONTEST**

**Southern:**  
 1st: \$10,000  
 2nd: \$2,000  
 3rd: \$1,000  
 4th: \$500

**Northern:**  
 1st: \$10,000  
 2nd: \$2,000  
 3rd: \$1,000  
 4th: \$500

**MALE DANCE CONTESTS**

**Men's Golden Age (50+)**  
 (1st: \$1000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$200)

**Men's (18-49)**  
 (1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$200)  
 • Fancy  
 • Jingle  
 • Circle  
 • Southern Circle  
 • Northern Traditional

**Teen Boy's (13-17)**  
 (1st: \$500, 2nd: \$200, 3rd: \$100)  
 • Fancy  
 • Jingle  
 • Southern Traditional  
 • Northern Traditional

**Junior Boy's (7-11)**  
 (1st: \$300, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50)  
 • Fancy  
 • Jingle  
 • Combined Traditional

**VENDOR INFORMATION**

- Arts & Crafts Booth
- Ramada (Covers: \$15-\$100-\$200)
- 10x10, \$50 per day
- Bring your own
- Food, Catering, Outside
- Rental Alexander: 970-365-3333
- No alcoholic beverages and/or rattles allowed

The Powwow Committee will not be responsible for accidents, injuries and theft. No Alcohol, drugs or weapons allowed!



TRIBAL HEALTH

## New Health Services manager aims to improve care

By Sacha Smith  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Tribal member Estelle Valenzuela has stepped up to take on the role of managing Health Services. Valenzuela took over the role officially last month but has been “acting” in that role since April. Valenzuela is passionate about her new role and says that she is truly looking forward to making a positive impact in the community she serves. “I want to look forward ... in the past quality care suffered and tribal members noticed,” she said. “I want to provide a compassionate, sensitive service to make a difference in people’s lives.” Valenzuela, most recently served as the Health Services administrative assistant, so she is familiar with the office and the clientele, but she said stepping up into a managing role means more work and

more control to do good. “I’m not a typical manager, I take it personally,” she said. “I do home visits and I’m able to communicate with the membership, I treat them the way I would want my parents to be treated.” So far Valenzuela is seeing what needs to be done and what resources the division needs to help make it a success. Valenzuela said a full staff and a new fleet of vehicles would help her vision of providing top-notch quality care. “If it wasn’t for my staff this wouldn’t be possible,” she said. “But more staff would help provide more services for more people.” Valenzuela said her approach to providing care is leading to her staff spending more time with patients, and she likes that. “It’s not cut and dry anymore,” she told her employees. “It’s okay to show compassion and to sit down and talk with them.”

Health Services has also been working closely with the Division of Social Services sending staff out to the Four Corners Health and Rehabilitation and Cottonwood Inn Rehab Center to visit with patients and take them out to enjoy activities during the day. “I feel that it is important for their spiritual health as well to be outside and feel the wind blow,” she said. Valenzuela is not shying away from the responsibilities of her new role and said she looks forward to the overcoming the challenges associated with the job. “It’s one of the most rewarding and demanding jobs I’ve ever had.” She added that the door to her office is always open to answer questions and concerns, or to simply have a conversation. For information about the Health Services Division and the services they provide you can call their main line at 970-563-0154.

TRIBAL HEALTH

## More health benefits plan updates

Staff report  
TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFITS

In our last update in the Drum we announced the upcoming major change to our Tribal Member Health Benefits Program in an effort to make sure all tribal members learned about the future changes that will be effective on September 1, 2016. Our last article focused on announcing the change to a new Third Party Administrator to manage the Tribal Member Health Benefits Program. We outlined several of the positive improvements including the change to a new Health Card representing the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Network of providers as the new network our tribal members will now have access to. The news of this positive improvement has been well received by many and there have also been some questions about what other changes the tribal members might be seeing as well.

First of all, there will be absolutely NO changes in the dental or vision program that covers our tribal members. We will continue using Delta Dental for all dental services and the VSP program for all vision services. There will be no changes in how these two services will be accessed or paid for nor any changes in the basic benefits. The pharmacy benefits program, as we indicated in our previous article, will however, see some positive changes. The major change in the pharmacy benefits program

will be the conversion to a new pharmacy benefits manager or PBM. The current PBM, Pequot Pharmacy Services, will change to Silverback Rx, which is a full service company that is focused on pharmacy benefit solutions for Tribal Nations. The Silverback Rx company includes a nationwide network of over 67,000 pharmacies to choose from that will ensure our tribal members will have easy access to any local as well as most any out state major pharmacies. Should the tribal member encounter a pharmacy that is not in the network the Silverback Rx Company will seek to contract with that pharmacy to ensure easy access for the tribal member. As for benefits, or what drugs are covered, there will be no change from the current plan; so all tribal members will be able to get their prescriptions filled in the same manner as with the current program manager Pequot. There will be one positive upgrade to the current plan, which requires the use of mail order after three refills.

Under the Silverback Rx company program all mail order prescription services will be totally voluntary for the tribal member. This issue has been a concern for some tribal members and the requirement for mail order has now been eliminated. Should tribal members prefer to get their prescriptions filled via mail order the Silverback Rx Company will utilize the Walmart Home Delivery Pharmacy

program. The use of this mail order service will require that the tribal member obtain a new prescription from their provider to be sent to the Walmart Home Delivery Pharmacy for filling. Another upgrade to look forward to is the inclusion of the pharmacy benefits information on the tribal member’s new medical benefits card so that it will not be necessary to carry a second card for pharmacy benefits. The staff in our Tribal Health Department are diligently working to get ready for the conversion to the new program and welcome any questions that you may have. Please contact any of our Benefit Coordinators; Cindy Gallegos (970-563-4813), Erika Atencio (970-563-4704), or Misha Weaver (970-563-4716) with any questions.

More information will be coming out soon to make sure you are all well informed about the upcoming changes including, coverage on the Tribe’s Facebook page and on the Southern Ute Tribal Website. Also please note on your calendar that we plan to have an open meeting for tribal members on Thursday evening August 4 to meet and discuss any questions on the new plan. Representatives from Health Smart as well as our Tribal Member Health Benefits Team will be at this meeting to help address any questions. The meeting is scheduled to start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 7:30 p.m. at the Casino with light refreshments being served.

### Community Health Action Coalition

My Life: Deciding in Advance is a new initiative in southwest Colorado to raise awareness about Advance Care Planning, coordinated by the Community Health Action Coalition in La Plata County, Colorado. We will educate Durango and rural La Plata County communities, facilitating discussions about taking charge of our own future healthcare. We will provide ways for everyone to take care of their own Advance Care Planning. We will encourage physicians and other healthcare providers to start the discussion with patients. We will train attorneys, financial planners and other professionals to comfortably raise the issue about Advance Care Planning. But we need your help, please come to our event August 19th at the Rochester Hotel at 5 pm or visit ( <https://www.crowdrise.com/my-life-deciding-in-advance/fundraiser/communityfoundations1> or click here) to support this initiative.



### Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

## Breastfeeding Program

Mouache-Capote Building | 116 Capote Drive | Ignacio, CO 81137

Please contact us if you have questions, or need to make an appointment

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### Southern Ute Tribal Members Health Benefits Plan Meeting

Information will be provided on the changes to the Tribal Member Health Benefits program

**August 4, 2016 • 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. • Sky Ute Casino Event Room C (Signs will be posted)**

## CULTURAL UPDATE

|  |  |
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| <b>Culture Classes</b><br><b>July 26 &amp; 28:</b> Makeup session/hand drum<br><b>Aug. 2 &amp; 4:</b> Bustle making<br><b>Aug. 9 &amp; 11:</b> Makeup session/Bustle<br><b>Aug. 16 &amp; 18:</b> Cedar bag making<br><b>Aug. 23 &amp; 25:</b> Makeup session/Cedar bag | will be in the SUMACc large classroom, limited to 20 participants.<br><b>Elder Luncheon</b><br>The upcoming monthly elder luncheons will be held on July 29 and Aug. 12 in the SUMACc large classroom. |
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Classes open to Southern Ute tribal members from 5:30 – 8 p.m. Classes

### The Animas Watershed: June Update

San Juan Basin Health has continued weekly water and sediment sampling at four locations on the Animas River and Cement Creek and, following community input, added monthly sampling sites at recreational areas around Durango.

The first water and sediment results are back from the State Lab and are consistent with our expectations for spring runoff, though analysis is ongoing. Some results are of concern for aquatic life, which is similar to previous spring runoffs, but there is not enough data available to draw new conclusions. These results and their context will be published in July.

The Alert and Notification Plan was activated three times. The first activation was for noticeable discoloration in Cement Creek traceable to the collapse of an ice dam. The second was for increased situational awareness during expected peak runoff. Lastly, for a short-lived spike in discolored turbidity in Cement Creek but the source could not be identified before conditions returned to normal.

In early August look for an exciting addition to our website that will provide information and interpretation on the water and sediment data being collected from current monitoring.

**Events in Durango & Silverton**

- 8/3 Animas River Celebration 1:30 p.m. | Powerhouse Science Center | Durango
- 8/6 Super FUNDays 5K Color Run | 11 a.m. | Memorial Park | Silverton

**Media Coverage You Might Have Missed**

- 6/2/16 Durango TV: New Mexico Files Lawsuit
- 6/6/16 Durango Herald: Silverton aims for a little fun on Gold King Mine spill anniversary
- 6/9/16 Durango Telegraph: Ready to run; As summer hits, experts say the Animas River is safe
- 6/10/16 Farmington Daily Times: Navajo Nation seeks EPA region designation
- 6/11/16 Durango Herald: Don't Judge a river by its color
- 6/14/16 Denver Post: EPA Gold King Mine coordinator retires as Animas water, soil tests begin
- 6/14/16 CBS Denver: Navajos Receive \$465,000 To Monitor River After Colorado Mine Spill
- 6/15/16 Durango Herald: Testing the Animas River's water quality is a complex task
- 6/23/16 Washington Times: NM sues CO over 'reckless' decisions leading to Gold King Mine spill
- 6/25/16 Durango Herald: Emergency Response Program building community resilience
- 6/27/16 Farmington Daily Times: Experts say mine spill has not affected fish

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From left: Lilian Siebel, Gene Charley, Annie Chester, Sylvia Weaver, Arthur Weaver, and Arlene Millich join each other for a group photo at the Ute Vocational School reunion on Saturday, July 9.

VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Ute Vocational School alumni reunite

By Damon Toledo  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Sixty years after its closure in 1955, members of the Ute Vocational School reunited for a special celebration on Saturday, July 9, hosted by Southern Ute elder Arlene Millich.

During the time of its opening, the Ute Vocational School was located where the Southern Ute Head Start now stands, and was exclusive to native students from around the Four Corners area, with grades ranging from Kindergarten through High School. After closure of the school, students were transferred from the dormitories to the public schools.

Ute Vocational alumni met with smiles and hugs as they reminisced on their

past years. Ms. Millich additionally provided an entree of food for the guests.

“I think most of us would say that we had a good experience at the [Ute Vocational School],” Millich stated during the potluck. “A lot of times you’d hear bad stories about being in boarding schools, but from experience, this school treated us with fairness and respect. A lot of the Utes and Navajos who attended were poor, so we got a free meal every day. A lot of us have good memories, not bad ones.”

Navajo elder Gene Charley shared her memories by commenting, “That school was the best here for me. I think it was good for a lot of us. We learned all sorts of subjects from rhythm band,

basketball, baseball, and football. My personal favorite was [tap-dance] class.”

“I remember there being very talented Ute students because they could do all sorts of stuff,” added alumni Annie Chester. “As students, we also had to do chores to keep the building clean, but it was common. A lot of the students couldn’t speak English, but I don’t remember anyone ever being harassed for using their language. The only thing the males had to go through was getting their haircut.”

A special white elephant gift exchange was held after the potluck, with every alumni going home with a gift provided by attendees. Another reunion for Ute Vocational School alumni’s is planned for July 2017.

Celebrating a healthy 24 years



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Celebrating Healthy Communities celebrated its 24th Anniversary on Tuesday, July 19, and invited the communities of Ignacio and Bayfield to a picnic hosted at Eagle Park. Fun and games were played out by Boys & Girls Club members, while the “Adult Role Model” award was handed out to dedicated community members who help provide a safe and healthy environment. Sandhya Tillotson was awarded the “Collaboration Award” for the Garden Project of Southwest Colorado. Boys & Girls Club members from Ignacio and Bayfield line up to fill their balloons for a water fight.



Ryan Garcia (left), CHC member, helps Toph Pinnecoose with making bubbles.

Michelle Wennerstrom and Dan Cyr from Bayfield Police Department are both awarded as the “Adult Role Model” winners.

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If you have any questions or need help, call the Adult Education Center and talk with Dr. Jonathan Hunstiger (Adult Education Program Manager) at 970-563-0237.

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- No School
- Mid-trimester Conferences

2016-2017 School Calendar

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Aug 8: Guides Return

Aug 17: Infant/Toddler Round Up

Aug 18: Primary Round Up

Aug 22: First Day of School

Aug 26: Back to School Night

Sep 5: Labor Day No School

Sep 10: S.U. Fair Parade

Sep 30: PDD No School for students

Oct 3-7: Mid-trimester conferences

Nov 10: End of First Trimester

Nov 11: No School Veterans Day

Nov 21: Progress Reports go home

Nov 23-25: Thanksgiving Break

Dec 9: LCB Day No School

Dec 17: Tribal Christmas Program

Dec 19-30: Christmas Break No School

Jan 2: PDD No School

Jan 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day No School

Jan 17-20: Mid-trimester conferences

Feb 17: PDD- No School

Feb 20: Presidents Day- No School

Mar 3: End of Second Trimester

Mar 13: Progress Reports go home

Mar 16: Book Fair (tentative)

Mar 27-31: Spring Break

Apr 28: Bike Rodeo

May 4: Knowledge Night

May 5: PDD- No School

May 12: Field Day ( May 19 Back up date)

May 25: Transition Ceremony

May 26: Last Day of school Half Day

Parents/Guardians will be notified of any changes

Home of the Eagles

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- First & Last Day of School
- Transition Ceremony

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DISTRIBUTION:

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 16th & 17th for Ignacio School from 5:30-7:30pm

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LOCATION:

Southern Ute Education Building (Tan Modular)

Call Ellen S. Baker at (970) 563-0235 to have your child(ren) on the list for school supply. For grade school please mention the name of the teacher and grade level of your child(ren).





The Stooges Brass Band from New Orleans closed out the Party in the Park, sponsored by KSUT and Music in the Mountains, Saturday July 16 at Buckley Park in Durango.

# KSUT Parties in the Park

**KSUT and Music in the Mountains held it's annual Party in the Park, Saturday, July 16 at Buckley Park in Durango. The event featured various types of music from classical and chamber music to Flamenco, Funk and Jazz. The all-day event featured the Cezanne Quartet, Durango Funk All-Stars, Southwest Civic Winds, Jarabe Mexicano and from New Orleans, the Stooges Brass Band. KSUT will also be celebrating 40 years with a concert in Three Springs on Saturday, Aug. 6 featuring Michael Franti & Spearhead.**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Sky Ute Casino Resort's Human Resources Director, Michelle Krees shows off her KSUT Ska stainless steel cup she bought at the Party in the Park. KSUT will also be selling these at the upcoming Michael Franti concert on Aug. 6 in Three Springs.



Staying cool in the shade, the Baker family was among many in attendance for the 2016 Party in the Park, Saturday, July 18 in Buckley Park.



KSUT staff and board members were on hand to volunteer their time for the event.



Jarabe Mexicano played traditional Mexican and Spanish songs as well as Richie Valence standards, "La Bamba" and "Oh Donna." Jarabe Mexicano also made an in-studio appearance on July 15 at KSUT.

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# 2016 Youth Conference



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Abel Velasquez, SunUte fitness trainer, talks with youth participants about staying healthy with exercise.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Councilman Tyson Thompson helps Richard Joseph lift and push a tire, which weighed more than 100 pounds. Thompson was a part of the Be Strong, Mind, Body and Future session, which helped youth, get their hearts pumping.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Another part of the Be Strong, Mind, Body and Future session was doing rope work. Abel Velasquez, Fitness Trainer for SunUte Community Center helped the youth get some cardio in while making it a fun game.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Environmental Programs Division did a session with the youth called Methane Bubbles and Climate Change. The session informed students about greenhouse gases and methane. Also showed the youth a camera they work with that detects temperatures.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Trae Siebel talks to attendees about perseverance and setting goals to accomplish.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Don Folsom, community resource officer, talks about various ways to create a safe environment.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Robin Duffy-Wirth, SunUte Community Center Fitness Director talks about different social skills and human interaction.

## YOUTH HONOR PAST AT JNC '16 • FROM PAGE 1

ture, which also helped him reach his goal of becoming a leader of his people.

Jimmy was proud of being Ute and knowing his culture, his mother said.

“He was 14-years-old when he first Sun Danced,” Elaine said. “He learned the songs and who he was, he found himself. He was a Nuche and he was proud.”

After the recognitions and learning about the past leader, the youth got to enjoy a day filled with activities that were aimed to help

them as they make their own journeys through life.

The youth were given a variety of breakout sessions to choose from that included social interactions, education, health, finances, and bullying – amongst many others.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) played an integral part in the planning and organizing of the conference. For the most part, the conference is put on by the youth for the

youth – with help from family, Tribal Council, tribal departments and community organizations.

Chairman Newton swore in the first Youth Council and had high aspirations of what the council could be.

Today, the Youth Council is thriving; traveling around the country representing the tribe and tackling issues young people in the community face every day. Much of what Jimmy had envisioned of the Youth Council has become a reality.

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## Michael Franti & Spearhead set for Three Springs festival

Staff report  
KSUT

Michael Franti & Spearhead return to Durango in celebration of KSUT Public Radio's 40th anniversary!

Spearhead will be touring their recently released Soul Rocker album and will be en route to Red Rocks for a sold-out show the next night. Michael Franti, Spearhead's lead singer and founder, is a musician, filmmaker and humanitarian who is recognized as a pioneering force in the music industry. Long known for his globally conscious lyrics, powerful performances, and dynamic live shows, Franti has continually been at the forefront of lyrical activism, using his music as a positive force for change.

“I make music because I believe it can change people's lives and make a difference in the world,” enthuses Franti, “music gives us new energy and a stronger sense of purpose.” He and his band Spearhead, known for their authentic and uplifting music, have found global success with multi-platinum songs like “Say Hey (I Love

You)”, the chart breaking 2010 release of The Sound Of Sunshine. Franti and his band guarantee a show that will be thought provoking as well as energetic.

Franti has a brand new single, “Once A Day” from his upcoming debut album on Fantasy Records. “Once a Day” was inspired by his son's diagnosis with a rare kidney disease called FSGS (Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis) in the hopes that this song would inspire anyone in the world who is going through challenging times. “My belief is that through music, dance and gratitude for this life we can all ‘rise up’,” explains Franti. “Once A Day” was produced by Supa Dups (Eminem, Damian Marley, Bruno Mars) and features special guest Sonna Rele. This new song has the same feel-good, inspiring vibe as “Say Hey (I Love You),” his 2x platinum hit single.

Giving back has always been at the heart of Franti's mission, he has dedicated his life to spreading the joy of music and positivity to millions of people. Franti's humanitarian, social justice,

and peace efforts continue to inspire his music and are infused throughout his new Rocker album, released in May 2016.

For further ticket information, official Michael Franti news and to check out the latest v-blogs on FRANTV, go to [www.michaelfranti.com](http://www.michaelfranti.com).

### KSUT's 40th Anniversary festival info

**Saturday August 6**  
**Three Springs, Durango**

- Gates open @ 1 p.m.
- Afrobeatniks @ 2 p.m.
- Zella Day @ 3:30 p.m.
- Michael Franti & Spearhead @ 5 p.m.

#### Ticket info:

- \$40 general admission
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# Former Drum photographer, Shockley exhibits work

By Rachael Shockley  
MEDIA RELEASE

Locally based documentary photographer Jeremy Wade Shockley to show iconic The American West series at the Open Shutter Gallery in the Red Room.

The American West features images selected by Shockley which he made throughout Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming and Utah of the people, small communities and open landscapes he has documented throughout his career. The nostalgia-tinged images depicting rural life, cowboys, and rugged western landscapes span more than a decade.

“It’s a special opportunity to show these images at the Open Shutter Gallery, in and near the communities where they were created, and where I live,” Shockley said. “And it’s an honor to be part of the final chapter of the Open Shutter’s time on Main Avenue in Durango, before the gallery changes direction and closes its retail space.”

The exhibition features a selection of photographs created while on assignment, along with more personal vignettes of the American West.

Shockley’s current projects include documentary work in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico and the cultures of Northern New Mexico.

The American West opened in conjunction with an exhibit by photographer Beth Moon at Open Shutter Gallery on Friday, July 15.

The show runs from July 15 to Aug. 17, 2016.

## ABOUT JEREMY WADE SHOCKLEY

Jeremy Wade Shockley is an award winning photographer who has documented the American West for over a decade. He specializes in rural and indigenous cultures throughout the American West and in remote countries around the world. His work is represented by Aurora Photos and Shockley has been published in numerous national and international publications, including:



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Former The Southern Ute Drum photographer, Jeremy W. Shockley takes a photo of the photographer during his “The American West” photo exhibit at the Open Shutter in Durango on Friday, July 17.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Shockley family, mother Jan, Jeremy and wife Rachael, pose for a photo during the Artist’s Reception for Jeremy W. Shockley at the Open Shutter for his “The American West” photo exhibit, which will run until Aug. 17.

National Geographic, The Guardian, Men’s Journal, the Associated Press, and BURN Magazine.

Shockley’s work was recognized in the Open Shutter Gallery’s annual international juried photography competition EXPOSURE, garnering “Best of Show” in both 2015 and 2016. He was a participating photographer in the inaugural IMPACT online exhibition, in conjunction with National Geographic Photographer Ed Kashi, a project exploring the impact of photography as a medium (Resolve, 2010). Shockley is a founding member of

PRISM Photo-Cooperative. He instructs photography workshops for Santa Fe Photographic Workshops and has served as a program facilitator with National Geographic Expeditions destination workshops.

*Additional note:* Shockley was employed with The Southern Ute Drum for five years, from 2008 to 2013 and became very familiar with the Ute culture, participating in the annual Bear Dance. He is a very well respected photographer in the Southern, Northern and Ute Mountain Ute communities.

## GRAHAM NAMED KSUT E.D. • FROM PAGE 1

Campaign Coordinator.

“Tami possesses all of the skills to guide KSUT into the future,” said Development Director Chris Aaland, who was a volunteer DJ at KDUR during Graham’s tenure there. “She has the uncanny ability to bring people together to achieve a common goal, which is especially important at this critical juncture in our history as we raise funds for our new home. She also has a keen knowledge of the unique music, arts and cultural tastes of the varied Four Corners communities.”

Graham has produced dozens of concerts and special events across the Four Corners through Tami Graham Presents, including performances by Michael Franti & Spearhead, Bruce Cockburn, Zap Mama and others. She was an early

board member of Durango Society of Cultural & Performing Arts (now known as Durango Acoustic Music) in the early ‘90s, helping bring a Who’s Who list of performers to the region that included Ben Harper, Ani DiFranco, Ralph Stanley and more.

Graham is a 1990 graduate of Fort Lewis College with a bachelor’s degree in psychology. She earned her master’s degree in transpersonal psychology from JFK University in Orinda, Calif., in 1999. She has been a nonprofit consultant based out of Mancos, offering mediation, training and facilitation services throughout the region since 2003.

KSUT celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. Listeners have picked KSUT as the Durango Herald Readers Choice Award win-

ner for Best Radio Station each of the past three years.

KSUT is a community-supported public broadcasting organization dedicated to serving the multicultural community of the Four Corners by providing eclectic entertainment, education, in-depth news and community and public information services promoting multicultural awareness and understanding through two signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio.

It’s FM signal can be heard at 90.1 and 89.3 in La Plata County, 88.1 in Farmington and Pagosa Springs, and 91.5 in Silverton. Southern Ute Tribal Radio can be heard at 91.3 in Ignacio and Bayfield and at 89.7 in northwest New Mexico. Both stations stream live at [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org) and on iTunes Radio.

## SPANISH TRAILS: TRAIL TREES • FROM PAGE 3

public could see it. The trail does not even go by this panel, because of its religious significance.

The Pochteca, Aztec traveling salesman and traders from the Valley of Mexico, were the most likely source of the birds and other exotics found in Chaco Canyon. Exotic indicators of distant trade apart from the macaws are the cocoa beans and chocolate residue found in a group of cylindrical jars excavated at Chaco. These tropical birds and chocolate beans were more than 1,200 miles for their source of origin and must have been carried, like the live Macaws, on the backs of the long distance traders who walked great distances and traded widely for easily transportable merchandise.

I have been working with many scholars and researchers across the United States to find the Mystery of the Trees who are studying what the trees are saying. Many stories are being told and people working on these mysteries are discovering what the old Tribal Spiritual Leaders knew and are now trying to tell us. The old story tellers including myself were told not to tell the secrets of the Native Americans. I am only guiding them to make sure the wrong story is not old. But, many times the wrong story leaks out anyway.

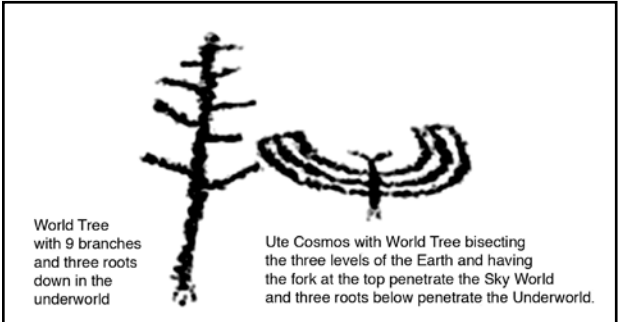
New techniques are now being used to help discover the Mysteries of the Trees. We will be holding a series of workshops and conferences to tell what has been discovered about the Mysteries of the Trees.

### HOW PINES WERE USED

#### Food

Pine nuts, secured from both long and short needle pines, were roasted in ash to kill the bitterness of the raw seed. They were an important aboriginal food source in most of the west, including the Northwest Plateau home of the Bannocks, Shoshones, Paiutes, Flatheads, and Nez Perces among others (Walker). In the Four Corners country of the Southwest, pinon nuts harvested annually were and area staple food among the Navajos, Utes, and Apaches.

Rich in protein, pine nuts, after roasting, were often ground or mixed with grease and ground berries. The mix was then formed into cakes to be stored and used for food throughout the winter. Cambium, sometimes



courtesy Dr. James Jefferson

Hieroglyph of the Burial Tree (top), and explanation (bottom).

called inner-bark, is a layer of formative cells between the wood bark in woody plants which forms new wood and bark. In pines this is on an annual basis that forms a growth-ring of wood. It is rich in carbohydrates, mostly sugar, starch, and celluloses, and contains calcium oxalate – a white crystalline substance found in plant cells classed as an acid salt as well. Depending upon the tree’s location and the soil it grows in it may furnish, besides calories, protein, fat, crude fiber, ash, and moisture traces minerals, such as phosphorous, magnesium, iron, Zinc, copper magnesium, aluminum, barium, strontium, boron, and chromium (Martorano).

Cambium was usually eaten by almost all American Indians living in and around pine forests. The cambium layer and sap of the black pine are eaten especially in the spring as is western yellow pine. For ponderosa, the outer bark is removed from the young twigs and the cambium is eaten.

Pine moss (Alectoria jubata) a lichen gathered from pine trees in the mountains. Two kinds were gathered around the first of July. One dark brown in color and edible; the other, light green in color and edible. Nutritionally, compared with plain shredded wheat, is higher in calcium, fat. Fiber. Ash, and calories, but lower in protein, carbohydrates, phosphorous, and iron.

### DOWSING

Although I use metal dowsing rods, the ancestral Native Americans could have used a variety of dowsing techniques to locate areas of higher permeability. For

centuries dowsing rods have been made out of forked wood sticks to locate ground water. During the last forty years I have worked and lived with tribes in remote regions of the world whose lifestyle still resembles that of Native Americans before 1492. (Johnson’s resume on CD) Many of these cultures were located in dry regions similar to the southwest. From time to time I have observed alternate dowsing techniques of Utgroundwater flowing beneath the surface. In the lower Rio Grande de Nasca drainage of Peru at Usaca, residents told my colleagues and I they could hear a waterfall at night when the laid down to sleep, however the river’s surface was dry at that time. In that region a fault, which is deeper than the river valley bottom, crossed it. When the subsurface water flowing down the river valley intersects the deeper fault, it flowed out of the river and into the deeper fault, thus creating the underground waterfall the people heard. During the Aja Alto survey my colleagues and I heard groundwater flowing along the fault we were mapping even though there was no indication of water, either surface of subsurface, in the area. (Johnson 2009, Chap 2)

Sacred Landscape. Ceremonial Stone Landscape and Habitationscapes

### 5 TYPES OF UTE INDIAN PRAYER TREES

- Burial Trees
- Medicine Trees
- Story or Message Trees
- Trail Marker Trees
- Ceremonial Trees

The Utes modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal & educational purposes.

## Junior Olympics bound



courtesy ndnsports.com/Facebook

Daughter of tribal member Mary Velasquez, nine-year-old Coco Velasquez won the Region 10 USATF Javelin Championship in Albuquerque, NM at Milne Stadium and also qualified for the Junior Olympics in both the shot put and javelin events. The Junior Olympics will be held July 25 – 30 at California State University in Sacramento, Calif.

### Drum coverage, help us, help you!

Please call the Drum at 970-563-0118 if you know of an event that needs Drum coverage. Advance notice is greatly appreciated. You can also email the Drum at [sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov).





OBITUARIES



**TAYLOR** – Kathleen Headman-Taylor born Nov. 17, 1946 in Pawnee Oklahoma to Isaac Headman and Patricia Collins Headman.

She was a proud member of the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma and was from the Thixida clan, her Ponca name was Nee ah ge wah the, which means “one that carries water.”

She attended White Eagle School and graduated from Chilocco Indian Boarding School in 1965. After graduating she moved to Los Angeles to attend nursing school. There she met the love of her life, Johnson B. Taylor and they married July 2, 1966. (July 2, 2016 would have made their 50th wedding anniversary). They moved to Oklahoma in 1970, where she worked for Indian Health Services in White Eagle, OK.

In 1982 she moved her family to Ignacio, Colorado, where Johnson was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The same year she received her Registered Nursing License and began working at Mercy Medical Center in Durango, CO, and then at Shiprock Northern Navajo Medical Center in Shiprock, NM. She loved working in the health field, especially with the Navajo people, learning their culture and language. Mrs. Taylor retired from Shiprock Northern Navajo Medical Center in the late 90’s.

Kathy enjoyed singing her Ponca songs, dancing and teaching anyone that wanted to learn about her Native ways. She loved being surrounded by her family and especially her grandchildren and welcomed all into her home.

Later in retirement she and her husband enjoyed traveling across the United States. They would go to Native American Powwows, where she was well respected and asked to say prayers and speak to the people.

One of her famous antics would be when she would start by saying, “Turn to your left smile, shake their hand and introduce yourself and then turn to your right and whoever is there...SLUG’EM!”

Mrs. Taylor is survived by her children: Patricia E. Taylor, Johnson K. Taylor, both of Ponca City, OK; Johnita E. Taylor, Isaac G. Headman both of Ignacio, CO; Corliss Taylor, Katrina Joe, of Durango, CO; her grandchildren: Cardinal Weston, Marcy Herrera Ekiko, Rhett Herrera, Lamont EchoHawk, Kenneth Taylor, Lindsey Taylor, Patricia Lakota Rose Leroy, Helaina B. Taylor, Brittany E. Taylor, Jazmynn Howell, Kathleen H. Taylor and Maynard H. Taylor; her great grandchild: Mataya Rock; her great great grandchildren: Adrienne Cuch and Avery Johnson Herrera; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and more grandchildren; her brothers: Kennis Headman, Moses Headman, Arthur Cerre, Timothy Headman all of Oklahoma; her sister: Virginia Sue Clements of Oklahoma; as well as more numerous sisters and brothers.

She is preceded in death by her “snag” Johnson B. Taylor (Southern Ute), her parents: Isaac Headman and Patricia Collins Thicknail; sisters: Helen, Tina Joy and Marcena; her brother, Joey; her grandparents Kenneth and Catherine Headman and William and Metha Collins.

A wake was held for Kathy in White Eagle, OK on Friday, July 8, 2016 at Ponca Indian United Methodist Church at 7 pm. Traditional feast was the following day, Sat. July 9, 2016, also at the Ponca Indian United Methodist Church, followed by services and burial at Ponca Tribal Cemetery.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



**Happy 18th birthday!**

I want to wish My Great Niece Briana Marie Olguin a Happy 18th Birthday on July 23. I have seen grow up to be a beautiful young Indian lady you are today you make my Life whole with excitement, laughter, happiness that we share every day and you know Uncle loves you very much and will do anything for you.

*Great Uncle Franklin,  
Jawadin, Staffon*



**Happy Birthday Grandma Sherri!**

Out of all the people we know, you are undoubtedly the most incredible. It’s not just because you’re our grandmother – it’s also because you’re an incredible woman, nurturer, mentor, comforter, caregiver, organizer, chauffeur, cheerleader and friend.

*We Love you,  
Shiri, Joe, Suzi, Aeden  
& Dewayne*

**Happy Birthday Howard**

Today, we want you to know that we are grateful for a brother like you. Wishing you nothing but the best on your special day.

*Love you  
Sue, Dewayne & Shiri*

**Uncle Howard**

Happy birthday to the coolest uncle in the world! Stay awesome!

*Love  
Aeden & Joe*

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

**Indian Warriors by Joseph Rael Jr.**

During World War II more then forty four thousand American Indians served in the military from 1941 to 1945. Including eight hundred women and over four hundred Navajo Code Talkers were used in the Pacific and 99% of healthy male American Indians age 21 to 44 were registered for the draft.

According to a U.S. Census Report on Veteran’s there are 165,200 American Indians and Alaska Natives in the U.S. Armed Forces.

At IwoJima, Major Howard Connor, 5th Marine Division signal Officer declared and were it not for the Navajo’s the Marine’s would never have taken Iwojima Conner had six Navajo Code Talker’s working around the clock, during the first two days of the battle. Those six sent and received over 800 messages all without error.

70 American Indians and Alaska Natives have died fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq (43 in Operation Iraqi Freedom and 27 in Operation enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.) 513 American Indians and Alaskan Natives service members have been wounded in action since 2011. 344 in Operation Iraqi Freedom, 27 in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

*By Joseph Rael Jr.*

Capitol Administrators. About a year ago I sent a letter to the SUDrum, Executive Officers and to Tribal Council detailing all the issues I was having due to our current health insurance company, First Health/ Capitol Administrators. My assumption was they were to provide services for us in a timely manner and often times, could not. Medical service providers were sending me letters, 60 days late, etc, and wanted me to make payment arrangements or they were going to send bill into collections. I checked into it and the insurance was not timely in payment to the service providers. So, I’d have to call First Health and or our Tribal Member Health Benefit coordinators to help me figure out where the break down was. I would return any overpayment reimbursements to them as well. Returning the reimbursements to me was the right thing to do. I was constantly on the phone with somebody to help me straighten out an issue out, not only for myself but for my two brothers. Not very fun ...

I know I was NOT the ONLY person affected because I began talking to family and friends and they had or were having similar issues, hence the letter to the SUDrum and Tribal Council. It was a VERY frustrating time for me and I know it HAD to be frustrating for other Tribal Members. Gosh, it had to be frustrating for the Tribal Member Benefit Coordinators too. Wheeeew! Hopefully it is a thing of the past and Anthem Blue Cross with continue with good services for all of us. When I worked at Sky Ute Resort and Casino we had Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield, I never ever had a problem with them, they were awesome! I want to thank our Tribal Council for making this very critical decision in seeking better services for us, it was time. I also feel that using one medical card for all services will be a bonus too, it will definitely streamline services for all concerned. I thank you this wonderful change and for all you do for us as our Tribal Council.

*Geraldine Rael,  
Tribal Member/Elder*

NEW EMPLOYEES



**Trae Lucas Seibel**

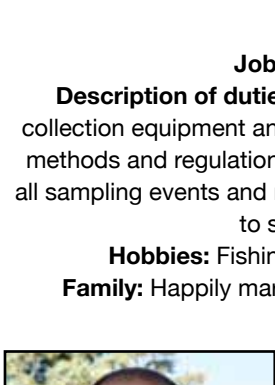
**Job title:** Education director apprentice

**Description of duties:** Provide the current Education Director with respect, support, and accountability to be an employable candidate to assume the duties of Ed. Director in the future subsequent mentoring and training.

**Hobbies:** Spending time with family, coaching high school basketball and attending educational courses.

**Family:** Wife: Jennifer. Children: Kelly, Tommy, Kai. Parents: Shane and Melanie Seibel.

**Tribe:** Southern Ute



**Delilah Tsosie Dougi**

**Job title:** Water quality technician

**Description of duties:** Water sampling, using field collection equipment and incorporating EPA sampling methods and regulations. Data entry (keep records of all sampling events and monitoring events), and report to supervisor for additional tasks.

**Hobbies:** Fishing and exploring the outdoors.

**Family:** Happily married with a beautiful daughter.

**Tribe:** Navajo



**Andrew Straub-Heidke**

**Job title:** Water resource technician

**Description of duties:** Provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure Southern Ute tribal resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation.

**Hobbies:** Mountain biking, backpacking and traveling.

**Family:** Resides with wife Heather in Durango.



**Lorraine Victor**

**Job title:** Dental assistant

**Description of duties:** Provide chair side dental assistance, front office duties, and radiology fractions.

**Hobbies:** Sports

**Family:** Three daughters and two grandkids.



**Jeff McDonald**

**Job title:** Agriculture field technician

**Description of duties:** Performs work to assess, coordinate, and facilitate agricultural crop production for tribal lands.

**Hobbies:** Fishing and enjoying the mountains.

**Family:** Wife Jamie and son Zeb.



**Drum Deadline**

**Next issue: Aug. 5**

**Deadline: Aug. 1**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sasmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan

**OWNER**  
*Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Department of Planning  
P. O. Box 737  
116 Memorial Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
970-563-4749*

Separate sealed bids to provide land use planning services and assistance for updating the Southern Ute Tribe’s Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the Tribal Planning Department office located at 116 Memorial Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2016 and then at said office privately opened and reviewed. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. A mandatory site visit meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 14, 2016 at 2 p.m. To receive a copy of the RFP and/or for information on the site visit contact the Tribal Planning Department at the address and/or number indicated above. Proposals will only be accepted by interested parties who have attended the site meeting mentioned above. The Southern Ute Tribe’s Comprehensive Master Land Use Plan is a planning document used to identify land use designation in a pre-determined area surrounding the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Campus in Southwestern

Colorado. The consultant will perform a number of duties to help identify future land use designation, Tribal Campus expansion, assessed parking needs and much more. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Code, which provides for Indian preference in contracting and employment. To receive a copy of the Code, or for more information, consultants should contact the Southern Ute TERO Office at 970-563-0117. For the purposes of this RFP, Qualified local Indian Owned Businesses certified through Southern Ute TERO Office will receive preference in accordance with the Code. A TERO Certified Indian Owned Business will, if its initial bid is not within 5% of the lowest bid by a qualified, non-certified or non-Indian owned business, be given a single opportunity to submit a revised bid. Proof of certification as an Indian Owned Business by the Tribe’s TERO Office will be required if claiming this preference. The Code will apply to all sub-contracting, if any, which may be needed in the course of this project. In addition, pursuant to the Code, the successful contractor will be required to pay a TERO fee in the amount of 2% of the total project cost. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in proposals and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

REQUEST FOR BIDS  
Southern Ute Indian Tribe/Utilities Division  
CR 517/SH 172 Gas Main Project

**OWNER**  
*The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)  
Utilities Division  
PO Box 1137  
16360 Hwy 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-5500*

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION CR 517/ SH 172 GAS MAIN PROJECT will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 2:00 p.m. (M.D.S.T.), Thursday, August 4, 2016. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder. **Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract. **Description of Work:** Work includes installation of 540 lineal feet of 4 inch MDPE gas across existing county roads and tribal lands and 90 lineal feet of 12 inch HDPE water main. Additional pipe, valves, connections and appurtenances are included. New gas pipe will be fed across SH 172 via an existing sleeve, aka carrier pipe. Revegetation of disturbed areas is required. Only contractors qualified in the installation of PE gas and water mains shall be permitted to bid on this project. The selected Contractor shall supply current certifications for the pipe installers showing capabilities for proper welding of the MDPE and HDPE pipe. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO)

has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. **For information on certification:** contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 10:00 AM at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division Office, located at 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location: A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to mgallegos@goffengineering.com or written request to the above address.

**GOFF Engineering & Surveying, INC.**  
126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A  
Durango, Colorado 81301  
970-247-1705

**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
Utilities Division  
16360 Hwy 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-5500

Construction & Project Management Announcement

Road Closure



Construction on the SU 106 “End of Trail” Road Improvement Project will begin in July, 2016 thru October, 2016. The road will be temporarily closed, however; access to the Cemetery and the residences shall be open and maintained 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In the event of a funeral, shuttle services will be provided to and from the cemetery, and work will be halted that day.

Please feel free to contact the office of Construction & Project Management at 970-563-0138 for any questions or concerns.

Notice to Southern Ute Utility Customers

The Southern Ute Utilities Division personnel will begin their yearly gas meter maintenance for Southern Ute Utility customers. The process will begin in May and end in September, 2016. This will include inspection of the gas meter and painting of the meter if necessary. When you see Southern Ute Utility personnel in your residential area and you have canines, restraining them would be appreciated until the work is completed. If you have any questions, call the Utilities office at 970-563-5500 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
Boards And Committees Vacancies

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Open Southern Ute Tribal Member Seat on KSUT Board of Directors. KSUT is seeking an individual to fill the “Southern Ute Tribal Member at large” seat on the KSUT Board of Directors. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled .

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS COMMISSION

The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letter of interest from one (1) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large and one (1) commissioner to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member must have the following requirements: Southern Ute Tribal member at-large who are not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division by 5 p.m., Monday, August 1, 2016. Or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to fill TWO 3-year seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant’s knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, July 29, 2016.

ROYALTY COMMITTEE

Attention Past Royalty, Fair Rodeo Queens & Tribal Elders. The tribe is seeking former Miss Southern Ute/Fair Rodeo Queens and tribal Elders to serve on the Royalty Committee. There are two positions open for a former Royalty/Fair Rodeo Queen. Initial terms are staggered, thereafter three-year terms will be served. To support the Royalty, by providing education in Ute culture and history, to promote and recruit applicants, to plan and host the annual pageant and royalty dinner, other duties associated with the committee. Will review/revise and as appropriate develop Royalty handbooks, code of ethics, review complaints and address disciplinary issues associated with the committee. Meets monthly, and works closely with the Culture Director, this is a non-paid committee. Interested Tribal members should submit a letter to the Human Resource Department at the Leonard C. Burch Bldg., in person or mail your letter to Human Resource Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. Open until filled.

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## Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://www.sugf.com/jobs.asp) to view full job details and to apply online.  
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.  
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

### Operations Engineer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing date 7/26/16

Requires a multi-discipline skill set that includes engineering and technical support for surface issues for the Operations Department. Requires assurance that all Red Willow production facilities are designed and constructed within accepted industry guidelines and practices. An integral part of the Operations Department and will support ongoing activities in several oil and gas basins in which Red Willow operates. Also supports Operations with the development and tracking of annual capital and operating budgets.

### Executive Vice President – Administration & Commercial – Aka Energy (Durango, CO)

Closing date 7/28/16

General administrative, business development and commercial activities for AKA Energy. Primary responsibilities include all commercial and contractual relationships with customers, acquiring adequate gas supply for effective plant operations, and the marketing and sale of natural gas and NGL products. Directly responsible for management of the Company's 24 hour gas control activities, including gas nominations and producer balancing. Procurement, information technology (IT) activities, office and building operations, and asset acquisition and divestiture. Senior level position and a key member of the executive management team.

## Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.

Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
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Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

### Front Desk Staff-Hotel (Full-time)

Closing date 7/22/16

Responsible for providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail and message service for hotel guests. Must be accurate with daily accounting procedures. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 18 years old. Must have previous experience in hotel front desk. Must have 3 months previous customer service experience. Must possess a valid driver's license and be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

### \*Player Development Staff (Full-time)

Closing Date 7/22/16

Performs all administrative functions of the Player's Club, enrolls new members and services existing members, promotes card usage from existing members through club benefits and promotions, assist guests with accounts, point redemption, promotion entries and any other questions. Maintains a thorough understanding of all player tracking software, promotions and rules in order to convey pertinent information to Casino guests, while having a pleasant and outgoing customer service demeanor. Must have a High School Diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21

years old. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in customer service. Previous Casino host or club (player tracking program) experience preferred. Must have excellent customer service skills.

### \*Multi-Games Dealer (On-call/Full-time)

Closing date 7/26/16

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must have 6 months experience as a table games dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in blackjack, three card poker, roulette and specialty games.

### \*Poker Dealer (Full-time)

Closing date 7/26/16

Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Must have a High School diploma/equivalency. Must be at least 21 years old. Must have 6 months experience as a poker dealer OR Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition demonstrating proficiency in poker.

*\*Must be at least 21 years old.*

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Patrick Aaron Watts, Deceased  
Case No.: 2016-PR-0083**

Notice To: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on August 9, 2016 at 10 AM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of June, 2016  
Kara Cuthair, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,  
Francis Head Montana, Deceased  
Case No.: 2016-0090-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on August 16, 2016 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of July, 2016  
Kelly Herrera, Deputy Court Clerk

## Early Childhood Director

Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Towaoc, Colorado

Job Vacancy Announcement

Salary Range: \$48,000 - \$55,000

### DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:

Provides overall leadership to the staff at the Child Development Center. Manages daily operation of CDC, serving infants through preschool-aged children. Develops and manages program budgets, including Tribal, State and Federal. Implements policies and develops procedures to facilitate program functions. Markets the program goals and evaluates outcomes. Oversees implementation of curriculum and adherence to Head Start Performance Standards. Coordinates services with appropriate tribal departments and community resources. Generates monthly, annual and periodic reports. Responsible for hiring, supervising, and evaluating all Center staff.

### MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education or related field of study.
2. Minimum 2 years of experience specific to EC Administration or Education Administration.
3. Knowledge of grant preparation and administration.
4. Maintain a valid driver's license and be insurable under the tribal auto insurance.
5. Maintain current certifications in First Aid and CPR.
6. Maintain standards for clear background check.

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

Applications are available from the UMU Human Resources office and online. Additional job information can be obtained from Tanya Amrine, Education Division Director @ 970-564-5355. Visit the Tribe's website at [www.uteMountaintribe.com](http://www.uteMountaintribe.com).

Ute Mountain Human Resources Department  
PO Box 248  
Towaoc, CO 81443  
970-564-5421

### NOTICE OF HEARING

**In The Interest Of:  
Samantha A Rock,  
And Concerning: Marietta  
Watts-Soto, Abel Soto  
Petitioner I Guardians  
Livingston Veneno, Father;  
Dionna Rock, Mother  
Case No: 2016-TE-0040/2016-AD-0039**

The undersigned are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for Termination of Parental Rights and Adoption before the above named Court on August 9, 2016 at 2 PM.

## Advertise in the Drum!

970-563-0118  
[sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sudrum@southernute-nsn.gov)

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at [www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs](http://www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs). If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

### Detention Officer

Closing date 7/20/16

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

### Crisis Caseworker

Closing date 7/26/16

Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

### Deputy Court Clerk

Closing date 7/26/16

Provides clerical support to judges and public for Southern Ute Tribal Court matters. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Family Court Counselor

Closing date 7/26/16

Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational class for youth in local school system. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/annually.

### SunUte Front Desk Attendant (Full-time)

Closing date 7/27/16

Southern Ute tribal member only. Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Nurse Case Manager

Closing date 7/29/16

Under general supervision of the Director of Nursing, facilitating the patients overall healthcare needs. The RN case manager coordinates with physicians, nurses, social workers, other health team members, contract healthcare providers and facilities to expedite medically appropriate and cost effective care for patients on and off the reservation. Functions as an advisor to Tribal Health clinical leadership team and participates in multi-disciplinary committees to improve clinical quality management and overall patient care coordination of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe membership. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/annually.

### Public Education Teacher-High School

Closing date 7/29/16

Professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the High School during and after school throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

### Vital Statistics Clerk

Closes 7/29/2016

Southern Ute tribal members only. Provides secretarial support for Tribal Information Services Department Director. Maintains accurate and current records of enrolled and deceased Tribal Members. Prepare enrollment application requests for submission to Tribal Council. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

### Boys & Girls Club Program Aide (Part-time)

Open until filled

Assists in the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

### Clinic Nurse (2 positions)

Open until filled

Registered Nurse position responsible for providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Dental Assistant

Open until filled

Under dentist supervision, with a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions.

### Dentist

Open until filled

Providing administrative, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Organizes and supervises the work of the dental program to ensure that effective dental services are provided and quality standards are met.

### Family Practice Physician

Open until filled

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

### Gaming Investigator II

Open until filled

Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

### Nurse Practitioner

Open until filled

Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician.

### Registered Dietitian

Open until filled

Providing nutrition care and education to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade 21; \$26.45/hour.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open until filled

Operates the scoreboard keeping up with balls, strikes, outs, runs scored, innings and alike. Keeps accurate written records of games. Turns in paperwork and game results to designated supervisor. Pay grade 12; \$11/hour.

### Summer Youth Employment Program Workers

Open until filled

Southern Ute tribal members only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2016, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

### Tribal Health Department Director

Open until filled

Professional executive management position for health services system and supervision of a variety of health related programs operated by the Southern Ute Tribe, which provides health services or health related services. Leadership for the design, implementation and effective operation of the health system in coordination with the Tribal Council, the Executive Officer, the Member Health Benefits Committee or any other similar advisory group, and the department leaders who at any time may have information or programs that interface with the health services system. Provides leadership and general supervision to divisions within the department ensuring compliance with policies and procedures.

### Umpire/Referee (Part-time)

Open until filled

Officiating in scheduled games and programs sponsored or coordinated by the SunUte Recreation Department. Under the direct supervision of the Recreation Manager. Programs will be run by the Recreation Specialists. Pay grade 20; \$21.32/hour.

### Ute Language Teacher

Assisting the Coordinator of the Ute curriculum and Design in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained to write the Ute language using the Charney system by coordinator of Ute Curriculum & Design.

## SILVER SPRUCE ACADEMY

Please submit online application to Silver SPRUCE Academy, Inc. at [www.silverspruceacademy.org](http://www.silverspruceacademy.org) Natalie Howard, [natalie@silverspruceacademy.org](mailto:natalie@silverspruceacademy.org), 970-759-3415

### Certified Teacher

Closing date 7/25/16

Seeking Colorado Certified Teacher energetic and innovative to join our organization in a part-time capacity, 20-30 hrs/wk, Aug-May. Involves teaching enrichment classes to curriculum education students in grades K-12th. Applicant will be a motivated individual with a keen interest in encouraging and inspiring students to love learning and explore educational opportunities with emphasis in the arts (art, music, acting, PE, language, etc.). Position starts Aug 1, 2016.





FLY-FISHING

Experiencing fly-fishing in Cuba

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fly fishing in Cuba had been a desire of mine for a long time. However, I waited until we had an embassy and I could travel there legally. Once those two things were in place I was on my way.

Once there I found equipment needs were very similar to other areas I have fished in the Caribbean. For equipment I recommend 8, 9, and 10-weight rods. If you can only take two, leave the 8-weight at home. Take a big variety of saltwater flies, plus lots of leaders and tippets in various weights. Also, take some wire tippet for the barracuda and sharks. The reason to take an excessive amount of gear is that the guides don't have much if any to share. The guides have very little of anything to share, except great guiding skills. These were some of the best saltwater guides I have ever been around. Once your fishing vacation is over I suggest you leave all of the flies, leaders, and tippets, you can spare. Also, remember the guides are working for only tips. Tip accordingly.

The first few days of fishing was very windy. However, that didn't stop our group of 12 people, six boats, from catching lots of fish. During the three windy days bonefish, jacks, snapper, tarpon, a 26-pound barracuda, and a shark were only a few of the species caught. One duo managed to land eight different species in one day. Catching a shark



had been one of my long-held desires and my guide helped me realize it. Of course we had a discussion about who was going to reach down to take the fly out of the sharks mouth; I still have all my fingers.

Days four through six saw a lessening of wind and the addition of clear skies. When that happened the hunt for permit began. For those of you who haven't fly fished in the saltwater, you need to know fly fishing for permit can become a sickness. Permit are more finicky than a two-year-old about what and when to eat. I know people that returned from a five-day trip targeting only permit and came home without even a strike. And, yet, we still chase that species. I will say, when permit weren't in our sights there were plenty of big bonefish and tarpon. The fishermen in one of the boats, not mine, managed to land five tarpon before lunch one day. While they were doing that my partner and I boated 13 bonefish along with numerous jacks and snappers.

The best day for me was the last day. It was the best not due to high numbers of fish landed, but three

species landed. If you don't know, the holy grail of saltwater fly fishing is known as the Grand Slam. The grand slam consists of landing a permit, tarpon, and bonefish, in one day. I had always thought it was a silly challenge to chase. That was until my guide put me on permit the last morning. He worked himself into a frenzy watching my limitless number of bad casts to catchable permits. With his expertise I finally hooked and landed a permit. Once that fish was landed the chase was on. And with his expert guiding I managed to catch, and land, two tarpon and several bonefish. I will now tell you the Grand Slam is not a silly challenge. I will also tell you that when you achieve it you are expected to buy drinks for everyone.

All of the fly fishing, catching, and camaraderie, was great. However, for me the greatest experience was fly fishing in a location that is now easily accessible but not over-run with people. When I've fly fished in the Bahamas or Belize, there were always lots of boats leaving the docks heading for the flats. You see, and are among, boats and other fishermen all day. At our lodge at Cayo Largo that wasn't the case. There were six boats leaving the dock every morning, going to locations the outfitter and guides had agreed upon the night before. The area was so vast that seeing another boat only occurred when we would meet for lunch. That was the experience that made traveling to Cuba worth the trip.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Tribe helps their employees stay SafeForLife

By Teresa Chee  
SU RISK MANAGEMENT

Safety is no accident. It's a choice we need to make throughout our entire lives. Whether it's driving without passengers as a newly licensed teen, finding alternatives to prescription painkillers in middle-age or fall-proofing the bathroom as an older adult, we're all empowered to make safe decisions for ourselves and those we care about.

In its third year the tribe has participated in the National Safety Council sponsored National Safety Month events for the month of June. This year's weekly topics included:

- Wk. 1: Stand Ready to Respond
- Wk. 2: Be Healthy
- Wk. 3: Watch Out for Dangers
- Wk. 4: Share Roads Safely



Led by the tribe's Risk Management Division it was a collaborative effort with other Departments and Divisions to provide an array of safety material all month long. Some of which included hanging safety banners around every location of the Permanent Fund campus, a display table up in the Hall of Warriors all month long, Departments and Divisions completing weekly safety talks with their staff, CPR & First Aid, Body Management, Ergonomics and Wellness trainings offered to staff as well as catching employees in the act of working safely. Risk Management would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's event and most importantly for standing up for safety – not only in the workplace, but also at

home, on the roads and in your communities. When we choose safety, we make a commitment to keep ourselves and loved ones safe from unintentional – and preventable – injury and death.

Finance department which includes, Tnbal Credit, General Ledger fixed assets (Tnbal Distribution), Purchasing, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable and Contracts and Grants will be closed Monday, August 15, 2016 for training. Payroll will remain open during this closure.

Please plan ahead as Rush check processing will be unavailable on this day. Any travels that cannot wait will be reimbursed after the traveler's return.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, July 22  
89°F partly sunny  
30% chance showers/thunderstorms

Saturday, July 23  
90°F mostly sunny  
20% chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, July 24  
90°F mostly sunny  
20% chance showers/thunderstorms

Ambient Monitoring

The goal of the Air Quality Program (AQP) is to protect the health of Tribal Members and residents on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. AQP maintains two State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) to meet this need for the Reservation while also adhering to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) SLAMS quality assurance guidelines. Ute 1 is located just north of Ignacio, Colorado while the second station, Ute 3, is located off of Colorado State Highway 550 north of Bondad, Colorado. To further enhance Tribal Member and resident access to real time information on air quality conditions within the Reservation, ambient air monitoring data collected from these stations are reported to the EPA Air Quality System for National Ambient Air Quality Standard comparison and EPA's AirNow website. This website establishes air quality forecasts using ambient air monitoring data index values and color rating system to help people understand when air quality can be harmful to their health.

Current up to date, daily readings for Temp, Wind, Percipitation can be found on the Southern Ute's Environmental Programs Division, Air Quality Program website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/ambient-monitoring).

Air quality  
Moderate  
Air quality descriptor: 48

Weather forecasts collected from [www.NOAA.gov](http://www.NOAA.gov)

TERO swears in three

Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Chief Judge Chantel Cloud swears Rudley Weaver in as a TERO Commission member.

Sacha Smith/SU Drum

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Delbert Cuthair Jr. is sworn into the TERO Commission on Thursday, July 14 inside the Justice and Regulatory Bldg.

Judge Scott Moore signs the oath that Adam Red swore, becoming a member of the TERO Commission.